

## Frederick County Child Health Partnership (FCCHP) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 30, 2011 – 1:30-3:00

Meeting Place: YMCA of Frederick County

### Members in Attendance:

Adriana Roa	Diversity Leadership Institute
Jennifer Mayer	Priority Partners MCO
Burneda Russell	Frederick County Health Department
Debbie Rhoades	University of Maryland Extension
Carolyn Bledsoe	YMCA of Frederick County
Jan Hall	YMCA of Frederick County

Since this group had not met for a while, the meeting began with introductions, with each person stating their name and title, name of agency, focus of agency, responsibilities within their agency, experience with FCCHP, and experience with grant writing.

Most in attendance had not been with the FCCHP since its beginning, so the group reviewed the Vision Statement and Mission Statement of the FCCHP, as well as a summary of the FCCHP's accomplishments to date.

There was discussion of possible future projects for the group. Jan brought the following list of ideas:

- Choose a project that addresses “child health”, specifically something that fills a gap that no one else is addressing.
  - Look for grants to fund our project.
  - Lay groundwork for our project. Identify what steps need to be taken and who needs to be brought in.)
  - Consider ideas such as the following:
    - USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program
    - Lets Move Outside (Department of the Interior)
    - Lets Move Cities & Towns (working with Mayors)
    - USDA grants for tennis courts
    - YMCA's Healthier Communities Initiatives (through CDC and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation)
- Become an advocacy group at the local, state, or national level.
- Continue to be an information-sharing group
  - Share current projects (for information, for volunteer help, for partnership)
  - Share grant opportunities
  - Share info on grants applied for, obtained, underway in each organization
- Create an inter-agency grant writing team

Debbie stated that a recurring problem that she observes is that, although many services are available for people, many people don't know what these services are or how to access them. We agreed that we might want to develop some sort of a universal reference vehicle for people to use. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

We decided that our meetings would be held monthly, on the first Friday of each month. **The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m.** The duration of each meeting was not discussed, so will be determined at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting will be held at the YMCA, 1000 N. Market Street, in Frederick. The meeting room is the Activity Room in the main building.

Please come with any ideas that you have regarding creating a universal reference of services for the community.

Minutes Submitted by:

Jan Hall  
YMCA of Frederick County